

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As shown in the previous Final Office Action, the closest prior art, Kratzer et al. (US 6,953,829 B2), disclosed a propylene polymerization process in the presence of a catalyst prepared by a process similar to that of the instant claims except that in Kratzer's process, the organoaluminum compound such as trimethyl aluminum is added to the catalyst suspension media prior to the drying step for providing a free-flowing catalyst powder, while in the instant amended claims, the organoaluminum compound is contacted with the dried contacting product of (A), (B), (C) and (D). That is, Kratzer's drying step is after the addition of the organometallic compound rather than prior compared to the catalyst process of instant claims. As correctly indicated in Applicants' remarks filed February 25, 2008, Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 have shown that the catalyst prepared according the process of the instant claims provide unexpected superior activities (about twice as high) compare to the catalyst prepared according Kratzer's process, therefore, the instant claims are deemed to be novel and nonobvious over Kratzer and are now in the condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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